

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, November 30, 2005 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, LaJoy, Palsrok, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Dillon, Murphy, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente. (14/19)
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Drolet, Huizenga, Stahl, Moore, Hunter. (5/19)

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2005, supported by Representative Accavitti. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 4423 before the Committee.

HB 4423 Wojno Consumer protection; home solicitation sales; telemarketers; prohibit leaving certain messages requesting consumers to return call.

Bill Drake, representing Representative Wojno, outlined the provisions of HB 4423 with the Committee.

John M. Koval, an AARP volunteer, spoke in support of HB 4423.

Kate White, representing Elder Law of Michigan, spoke in support of HB 4423.

The Chair laid HB 5392 before the Committee.

HB 5392 Kolb Disabilities; accessible electronic information service; establish and provide funding source.

Representative Kolb spoke to the Committee regarding the contents of HB 5392 and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5392:

 Former State Representative Doug Spade, representing himself, in support
 Pat Cannon, representing the Michigan Commission for the Blind, in support of the concept of the bill

Representative Hopgood made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Clemente. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Chair Nofs read in the following cards submitted by individuals for HB 5392 who did not wish to speak before the Committee:

- Steve Pollo, representing himself, in support
- Sharon Burton, representing herself, in support
- Sheila Latham, representing the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), in support
- Kim Mohnke, representing herself, in support
- Sarah McCubbin, representing herself, in support
- David Robinson, representing himself, in support
- Melinda Latham, representing herself, in support
- Mike Ellis, representing himself, in support
- Georgia Kitchen, representing herself, in support
- Kenneth Kitchen, representing himself, in support
- Tom Martin, representing the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, in support of the concept of the bill
- Dave Vehslage, representing Verizon, in opposition to Section 11 of the bill
- Raymond Roberson, representing NFB, in support
- Stenetta Burroughs, representing NFB, in support
- Sarah Norwood, representing NFB, in support
- Brenda Brown, representing NFB, in support
- Paul Sutton, representing NFB, in support
- Donna Posont, representing NFB, in support
- Dwight Norwood, representing NFB, in support
- Vera Brooks, representing NFB, in support
- Michael Powell, representing NFB, in support

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5392:

- Fred Wurtzel, representing the Michigan Chapter of NFB, in support
- George Wurtzel, representing the Michigan Chapter of NFB, in support
- Mary Wurtzel, representing the Michigan Chapter of NFB, in support
- John Pare', representing the National Federation of the Blind, Baltimore, Maryland, in support
- Monica Wilkins, representing herself, in support
- Paul Sutton, representing NFB, in support
- John Scott, representing himself, in support

Chair Nofs thanked all of the individuals attending the meeting and stated that the Committee will continue to work on HB 4423 and HB 5392.

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:25 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

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